







**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**Town of Stratham**  
**New Hampshire**



**For the Year Ending**  
**January 31, 1918**





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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## Selectmen and Treasurer

Highway Agents, Board of Education  
Library Trustees and Trustees  
of Trust Funds

OF THE

## Town of Stratham

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1918

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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected Biennially)

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*Moderator*

EARLE R. STOCKBRIDGE

*Representative to General Court*

JOSEPH G. BARNARD

*Supervisors of Check List*

PAUL W. GOODSOE                      JAMES W. ROLLINS

CHARLES J. BREWSTER

(Elected Annually)

*Town Clerk*

CHARLES N. LANE

*Selectmen*

GEORGE M. HALL

FRED L. JEWELL

WALLACE J. AYER

*Treasurer*

ISAAC L. WIGGIN

*Collector of Taxes*

EARLE R. STOCKBRIDGE

*Auditors*

W. LESLIE DINING

JAMES C. PIPER



*Board of Education*

ANNIE W. SCAMMON                      ALBERT C. LANE  
LILLA B. SCAMMON

*Library Trustees*

ANNIE W. SCAMMON                      \*GEORGE E. GOWEN  
GEORGE L. BARKER

## APPOINTED

*Board of Health*

FRED N. EDMUNDS

*Police*

M. D. STICKNEY

*Trustees Trust Funds*

\*GEORGE E. GOWEN                      GEORGE DIXON  
ALBERT D. ROWE

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\*Deceased.



## TOWN WARRANT.

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[L. S.]      THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County  
of Rockingham, in said State, Qualified to Vote in  
Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To elect a member to the Constitutional Convention.

4. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for highway improvements and raise and appropriate money for the same.

5. To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.

6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen.

GEORGE M. HALL,  
FRED L. JEWELL,  
WALLACE J. AYER,  
*Selectmen of Stratham.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE M. HALL,  
FRED L. JEWELL,  
WALLACE J. AYER,  
*Selectmen of Stratham.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### VALUATION.

Polls, 148.

Land and buildings.....	\$393,615.00
Horses, 173 .....	22,275.00
Oxen, 4 .....	350.00
Cows, 478 .....	20,295.00
Neat stock, 58 .....	2,737.00
Sheep, 48 .....	235.00
Fowl, 2,383 .....	1,685.00
Vehicles, 36 .....	9,300.00
Portable mills, 1.....	1,250.00
Wood and lumber.....	7,430.00
Money on hand.....	12,647.00
Mills and machinery.....	500.00
Stock in trade.....	1,700.00

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\$474,019.00

Soldiers' exemption .....

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7,675.00

\$466,344.00

Rate of taxation, \$1.59; district, 49 cents.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax .....	\$855.00
County tax .....	1,011.06
Special state tax.....	114.00
Schools by law.....	855.00
Voted at school meeting.....	1,425.00
State highway maintenance.....	1,020.00
Newmarket road .....	500.00
Library expenses .....	40.00
Cutting bushes .....	200.00
Highways by law.....	1,185.05

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\$7,205.11

# FINANCIAL BALANCE

Town of Stratham.

## ASSETS.

### *Cash:*

In hands of treasurer..... \$963.31

### *Accounts Due to the Town:*

#### Due from State:

(a) Joint highway accounts, unexpended  
balances in state treasury, state aid  
maintenance..... 88.12

(b) Trunk line maintenance..... 175.57

Due from county..... 124.75

#### Taxes not collected:

(a) Levy of 1913..... 34.98

(b) Levy of 1916..... 2.92

(c) Levy of 1917..... 397.57

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*Total Assets* ..... \$1,787.22



## REPORT.

## SHEET.

January 31, 1918.

## LIABILITIES.

*Accounts Owed by Town:*

Orders outstanding .....	\$12.25
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
(a) Unexpended balances in state treasury .....	263.69
(b) Unexpended balances in town treasury .....	635.34
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<i>Total Liabilities</i> .....	\$911.28
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)....	875.94
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<i>Grand Total</i> .....	\$1,787.22

## RECEIPTS AND

Town of Stratham.

## RECEIPTS.

## Current Revenue:

*From Local Taxes:*

Amount committed to collector.....	\$7,746.80
Less discounts and abatements.....	204.26
Less uncollected .....	435.47
1. Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected .....	7,181.50
2. Uncollected taxes of previous year...	390.25
Amounts outstanding .....	2.92
Abatements .....	2.00
Uncollected .....	2.92
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected .....	350.35

*From State:*

## 3. For highways:

(a) For state aid maintenance.....	21.06
(b) For state aid construction.....	443.41
4. Insurance tax .....	19.50
5. Railroad tax .....	112.90
6. Savings bank tax.....	886.77
8. Literary fund .....	79.92
9. State aid for education.....	462.36
11. Fighting forest fires.....	15.15

*From County:*

13. For support of poor.....	124.50
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*From Local Sources Except Taxes:*

15. Dog licenses .....	93.50
18. Rent of town hall.....	33.49
19. Interest received on taxes.....	16.10

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Total current revenue receipts..... \$9,840.51



## PAYMENTS.

For the Year Ending January, 1918.

## PAYMENTS.

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

*General Government:*

1. Town officers' salaries.....	\$333.65
2. Town officers' expenses .....	137.17
3. Election and registration expenses...	54.00
5. Expenses town hall and buildings...	73.60

*Protection of Persons and Property:*

6. Police department, including care of tramps .....	1.50
7. Fire department, including forest fires .....	20.00
8. Moth extermination .....	12.00
10. Damage by dogs.....	7.00

*Health:*

11. Health department, including hospi- tals .....	6.35
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*Highways and Bridges.....* 2,981.56

18. General expenses of highway depart- ment, including watering troughs..	15.00
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*Education:*

19. Libraries .....	152.24
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*Charities:*

21. County poor .....	124.75
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*Patriotic Purposes:*

22. Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises .....	3.25
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*Recreation:*

24. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts .....	49.97
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*Public Service Enterprises:*

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire....	30.55
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## RECEIPTS—Concluded.

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

27. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year .....	\$500.00	
32. Refunds from highway department .....	308.83	
33. Received from wood, Stratham Hill .....	170.35	
34. Cemetery .....	15.00	
35. Received from tax collector, taxes bought by town redeemed .....	50.34	
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Total receipts other than current revenue	1,044.42	
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Total receipts from all sources.....	\$10,884.93	
Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	1,119.72	
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<i>Grand Total</i> .....	\$12,004.65	



## PAYMENTS—Continued.

*Unclassified:*

29. Taxes bought by town.....	\$93.30
30. Stratham Hill wood.....	50.75
31. Abatements refunded .....	34.53
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Total current maintenance expenses....	\$4,181.17

*Interest:*

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes. ....	\$4.58
35. Paid on principal of trust funds used by town...	29.75
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Total interest payments.....	34.33

*Outlay for New Construction  
and Permanent Improvements:*

36. Highways and bridges— state aid construction..	\$500.00
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Total outlay payments.....	500.00

*Indebtedness:*

43. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes .....	\$500.00
46. Payments to trustees of trust funds .....	925.00
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Total indebtedness payments.....	1,425.00

*Payments to Other Governmental  
Divisions:*

47. Taxes paid to state.....	\$969.00
48. Taxes paid to county.....	1,011.06

## PAYMENTS—Concluded.

50. Payments to school districts .....	\$2,920.78
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Total payments to other governmental divisions .....	\$4,900.84
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Total payments for all purposes.....	\$11,041.34
Cash on hand at end of year.....	963.31
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<i>Grand Total</i> .....	\$12,004.65

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

## DESCRIPTION AND VALUE.

1	Town hall, lands and buildings.....	\$5,000.00
	Furniture and equipment.....	500.00
2	Libraries, lands and buildings.....	10,000.00
	Furniture and equipment.....	400.00
6	Parks, commons and playgrounds, Strat- ham Hill Park.....	3,000.00
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	Total .....	\$18,900.00

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., ON JANUARY 31, 1918.

Date of Creation.	TRUST FUNDS. Purpose of Creation.	Amount of Principal.	HOW INVESTED.	Rate of Interest.	Par Value of Securities.
July 12, 1909.	Amanda H. Lane. The interest only to be used for the purchase of books.	\$700.00	Second Liberty Loan.....	4%	\$100.00
1901.	Andrew Wiggin Interest to be used for the care of Greenwood Cemetery.	100.00	Second Liberty Loan.....	4%	100.00
1913.	James W. Foss. Interest to be used for the perpetual care of the James W. Foss Cemetery	100.00	Second Liberty Loan.....	4%	100.00
	Sarah Downes Interest for the care of Cemetery lot.	50.00	Second Liberty Loan.....	4%	100.00



# STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS.

Stratham, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.

Received of George L. Baker, treasurer .....	\$925.00
Bought \$900 second Liberty Loan bonds 4s, @ \$69.35 .....	867.15
Two months, 6 days' interest .....	6.60
Broker's commission .....	.50
Bought \$50 second Liberty Loan bond, 4s, @ \$95.10 .....	47.55
Interest and commission .....	.75
Invested in Piscataqua Savings bank .....	2.45
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	\$925.00

We now have:

1—\$500.00 .....	par value \$500.00
4— 100.00 .....	par value 400.00
1— 50.00 .....	par value 50.00
Invested in Savings bank .....	2.45
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	\$952.45
Balance in favor of Trust Fund .....	\$27.45

NOTE—I may be criticised by some for not buying the bonds when the Liberty Loan drive was on but as the money was not available at that time and I did not care to buy Trust Funds on the installment plan, I waited until the money was on hand and bought on the market.

GEORGE W. DIXON,  
*For the Trustees.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS, 1917-1918.

Balance on hand .....	\$1,119.72
State treasurer, highway department .....	464.47
E. R. Stockbridge, collector .....	7,454.65
E. R. Stockbridge, collector, tax bought by town .....	93.30
E. R. Stockbridge, collector, F. P. Smith, 1916..	32.54
E. R. Stockbridge, collector, J. O. French, 1914 ..	17.80
County treasurer .....	124.50
Winnicutt club, rent .....	24.00
H. S. Jewell, wood from Stratham hill .....	130.50
W. H. Jackson, wood from Stratham hill .....	1.75
Fred L. Jewell, wood from Stratham hill .....	10.00
George M. Hall, wood from Stratham hill .....	28.00
Fixeter Banking Co., note .....	500.00
State treasurer, forestry commission, fire bills..	15.15
State treasurer, insurance tax .....	19.50
State treasurer, railroad tax .....	112.90
State treasurer, Savings bank tax .....	886.77
State treasurer, literary fund .....	79.92
State treasurer, proportion of school fund .....	462.36
Charles Clark, cemetery lot .....	15.00
A. E. West, janitor of town hall .....	9.49
C. J. Brewster, road money returned .....	308.83
Charles N. Lane, dog tax .....	93.50

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\$12,004.65

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Expenditures ..... 11,041.34

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Balance on hand ..... \$963.31

Stratham

January 31, 1918.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of George L. Barker, treasurer of the town of Stratham and find them fairly brought, correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in his hand of nine hundred sixty-three dollars and thirty-one cents (\$963.31).

JAMES C. PIPER,  
W. LESLIE DINING.

*Auditors.*

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO GEORGE M. HALL, DR.

Mar. 21.	Exeter, on town business.....	\$1.50
26.	In session .....	3.00
30.	Portsmouth, tax commission .....	3.40
Apr. 2 & 4.	Taking enrollment .....	6.00
7.	Making returns.....	1.50
13.	Mr. F. L. Jewell's and Mr. Gowen's .....	1.50
15 & 16.	In session .....	6.00
May 10.	To Mr. Jewell's .....	1.50
	Making taxes .....	15.00
29.	Writing tax collector's book.....	3.00
June	Copying invoice book .....	3.00
	Postage, stationery and telephone...	2.16
Dec. 29.	Jury drawing .....	1.00
Jan. 3.	One day in session .....	1.00
12.	Evenings in session .....	12.00
30 & 31.	In session .....	6.00

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\$69.56

Received payment,  
GEO. M. HALL.



## TOWN OF STRATHAM TO F. L. JEWELL, DR.

Mar. 26. For one day in session .....	\$3.00
30. Portsmouth, to meet tax commission	3.40
Apr. 2, 3 & 4. Taking inventory .....	12.00
15 & 16. In session .....	6.00
Dec. 29. Extra evening session, drawing jury,	1.00
Jan. 30 & 31. In session .....	6.00
12 evenings in session .....	12.00
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	\$43.40

Received payment,  
FRED L. JEWELL.

## TOWN OF STRATHAM TO WALLACE J. AYER, DR.

Mar. 26. In session .....	\$3.00
Apr. 2, 3 & 4. Taking inventory .....	12.00
Apr. 15 & 16. In session .....	6.00
Jan. 2. Day in session .....	3.00
Jan. 30 & 31. In session .....	6.00
10 evening sessions .....	10.00
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	\$40.00

Paid.  
W. J. AYER.

# ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

(Year Ending January 31, 1918.)

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION.

Charles J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$75.75
Charles J. Brewster, double team .....	62.25
James E. Stockbridge, double team .....	92.50
Frank Jenness, double team .....	110.00
Harry J. Syphers, double team .....	110.00
Frank V. Chapman, double team .....	104.50
J. J. Crafts, double team .....	55.00
Frank H. Pearson, double team .....	50.00
George R. Brewster, double team .....	50.00
James Burdick, laborer .....	24.00
George Cammett, laborer .....	37.00
Fred H. Wentworth, laborer .....	14.00
George H. Bowley, laborer .....	20.00
Ralph Crafts, laborer .....	16.00
Archie Chapman, laborer .....	21.00
Otto H. Syphers .....	44.00
DeWitt C. Chapman, laborer .....	43.50
Eugene Carbonneau, laborer .....	8.00
Charles R. Brewster, laborer .....	20.00
George B. Wiggin, laborer .....	41.00
George Furner, laborer .....	45.00
Stephen R. Beals, laborer .....	41.00
Hormidus Hamel, laborer .....	16.00
Arthur Morse, laborer .....	18.00
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	\$1,118.50
C. A. Pollard, gravel .....	97.90
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Total .....	\$1,216.40

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

Charles J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$3.00
Charles J. Brewster, double team .....	3.00
Stephen R. Beals, laborer .....	2.00
George Cammett, laborer .....	2.00
Charles Larrabee, laborer .....	2.00
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Total .....	\$12.00

## MAINTENANCE.

Charles J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$118.50
Charles J. Brewster, double team .....	106.50
James E. Stockbridge, double team .....	62.50
Frank V. Chapman, double team .....	42.50
Frank Jenness, double team .....	47.50
Harry J. Syphers, double team .....	35.00
John E. Chase, double team .....	25.00
Charles R. Brewster, double team .....	16.00
George R. Brewster, double team .....	12.50
William B. Snell, double team .....	15.00
James T. Roby, double team .....	5.00
Henry L. Jewell, double team .....	5.00
Fred L. Jewell, double team .....	5.00
Arthur H. Jewell, double team .....	3.00
George E. Chapman, double team .....	2.50
John F. Ayer, double team .....	5.00
Stephen R. Beals, laborer .....	53.50
George Cammett, laborer .....	59.50
Charles Larrabee, laborer .....	28.00
DeWitt C. Chapman, laborer .....	24.00
Fred N. Edmunds, laborer .....	1.00
George B. Wiggan, laborer .....	9.00



George Furner, laborer .....	\$11.00
Otto H. Syphers, laborer .....	2.00
George H. Bowley, laborer .....	2.00
George W. Dixon, gravel.....	3.30
Harry J. Syphers, gravel .....	2.20
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Total .....	\$102.00

## SUMMER ROADS.

Charles J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$98.25
Charles J. Brewster, double team .....	87.00
John F. Ayer, double team .....	20.00
George R. Brewster, double team .....	48.00
James E. Stockbridge, double team .....	52.50
Harry J. Syphers, double team .....	27.50
William B. Snell, double team .....	17.50
E. Bloomer Jewell, double team .....	20.00
Fred L. Jewell, double team .....	3.75
Frank Jenness, double team .....	17.50
Frank V. Chapman, double team .....	12.50
Stephen R. Beals, laborer .....	63.50
Charles R. Brewster, laborer .....	14.00
George E. Chapman, laborer .....	25.00
Charles Larrabee, laborer .....	32.00
DeWitt C. Chapman, laborer .....	34.50
Otto H. Syphers, laborer .....	10.00
George Cammett, laborer .....	45.50
Paul W. Goodsoe, laborer .....	12.50
George M. Hall, laborer .....	10.00
George B. Wiggin, laborer .....	6.00
Archie Chapman, laborer .....	1.00
George C. Jewell, laborer .....	7.00
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	\$665.50

Exeter Lumber Co., lumber for Syphers bridge ..	\$29.32
Peter Coté, repair work .....	14.45
Hilliard & Kimball, tools .....	13.68
Mrs. Fannie A. Haven, locust posts .....	11.00
E. Bloomer Jewell, timber for Winnicut Mills bridge .....	11.00
The Good Roads Machinery Co., road machine knife .....	9.85
C. A. Pollard & Co., repair work on roller .....	7.90
Newfields Iron Foundry, repair work on roller ...	7.00
Frank H. Brewster, carpenter work on Winnicutt bridge .....	4.50
Hatch & Sullivan, steel for bridge .....	4.17
Nahan J. Wiggin, gravel .....	3.30
George W. Dixon, gravel and poles for railing ...	4.10
John S. Brewster, hewing timber for bridge .....	3.00
George L. Barker, poles for bridge .....	3.00
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	\$126.27
Total .....	\$791.77

## BUSH ACCOUNT.

Chas. J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$36.00
Chas. J. Brewster, double team .....	13.50
Stephen R. Beals, laborer .....	42.50
Charles Larrabee, laborer .....	30.00
George Cammett, laborer .....	18.00
DeWitt C. Chapman, laborer .....	10.00
George B. Wiggin, laborer .....	7.00
James C. McAllaster, laborer .....	5.00
Fred L. Jewell, laborer .....	3.00
Wallace J. Ayer, laborer .....	3.00
Eugene Carbonneau, laborer .....	1.00
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Total .....	\$169.00

## SNOW PATHS.

Charles J. Brewster, superintendent .....	\$42.79
George R. Brewster .....	21.40
Charles Grant .....	5.50
Fred H. Wentworth .....	12.30
James N. Burdick .....	9.20
George Cammett .....	15.30
George M. Stickney .....	7.00
Hormidus Hamel .....	6.40
Harry J. Syphers .....	8.20
George B. Wiggin .....	3.40
Shirley G. Godfrey .....	1.80
Stephen R. Beals .....	11.40
Stuart Spurr .....	3.40
J. J. Crafts .....	9.30
John E. Chase .....	6.70
Lawrence Caverly .....	9.40
Benjamin F. Devine .....	2.45
W. Leslie Dining .....	60.60
Fred H. Neally .....	3.00
Archie Chapman .....	1.00
Otto H. Syphers .....	1.00
George H. Bowley .....	3.00
Frank P. Smith, Jr. ....	3.60
Chester A. Scammon .....	4.70
Leon P. Scammon .....	2.80
Raymond Stanley .....	3.10
Charles R. Brewster .....	7.50
George W. Parkman .....	6.00
Willard G. Parkman .....	3.40
Sylvester Dame .....	3.70
E. Holland Scammon .....	8.30
Fred L. Jewell .....	19.21



William Dining .....	\$9.00
James W. Rollins .....	5.35
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Total .....	\$321.20

## TOWN HALL.

Report of Albert West, janitor of town hall from February 15, to January 31, 1918.

Grange .....	\$29.44
Jr. O. U. A. M. ....	3.30
Dances and entertainments .....	29.75
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	\$62.49

*Expenditures.*

Albert West, janitor .....	\$33.50
Albert West, fall meetings .....	18.50
Electric lights .....	1.00
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	\$53.00
Paid Geo. L. Barker .....	9.49
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	\$62.49

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Janitor Albert E. West and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. M. HALL,  
FRED L. JEWELL,  
*Selectmen of Stratham.*

## WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

*Report of the Library Trustees.*

Sixty-four volumes have been added to the library during the year. Six were given by the Carnegie endowment and reports from the various state departments received from the state, and the Youths Companion given by Mr. Dana W. Baker.

Whole number of books loaned during the year,	1,771
Largest number loaned February 17 .....	47
Smallest number loaned September 11 .....	6

*Librarian's Account.*

DR.

Received from fines .....	\$7.29
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Balance to library trustees .....	\$7.29
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(For Year ending January 31, 1918.)

Unexpended balance of the appropriation of 1913 in the town treasury .....	\$127.02
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## RECEIPTS.

1917—	
Balance from treasurer Geo. E. Gowen .....	\$17.13
1918—	
Annual appropriation .....	35.70
Amanda Lane fund .....	28.00
Extra appropriation by town .....	40.00
Fines from librarian .....	7.29
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	\$128.12

## EXPENDITURES.

E. R. Stockbridge, magazines .....	\$8.90
Charles E. Lauriat Company, books .....	42.58
Charles E. Lauriat Company, books .....	32.20
Balance in hands of treasurer .....	44.44
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	\$128.12

January 31, 1918.

We have this day examined the accounts of Library Treasurer Geo. L. Barker and find them fairly brought, properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of forty four dollars and forty four cents (\$44.44).

JAMES C. PIPER,  
W. LESLIE DINING,  
*Auditors.*

## LIST OF BOOKS.

Enchanted Hearts, Darragh Aldrich,	21A
On the Edge of the War Zone, Mildred Aldrich,	22A
Barbara, Mrs. Alexander,	23A
The Sturdy Oak, Fourteen American Authors,	24A
Winning His Game, Ralph Henry Barbour,	30B10
The Spanish Chest, Edna A. Brown,	59B
Nancy First and Last, Amye Blanchard,	60B
The White Ladies of Worcester, Florence L. Barclay,	47B3
That's Why Stories, Catherine T. Bryce,	61B
Under Fire, Henri Barbusse,	62B
Understood Betsy, Dorothy Canfield,	45C1
Christine, Alice Cholmondeley,	53C
The Major, Ralph Connor,	28C8
The Lure of Life, Egerton-Agnes Castle,	54C
Tomorrow Morning, Edith Barnard Delano,	27D2
Carry On, Coningsby Dawson,	39D
Over the Top, Arthur Guy Empey,	9E
Fanny Herself, Edna Ferber,	16F
The Mystery of the Hasty Arrow, Anna Katherine Green,	9G3
The Secret Witness, George Gibbs,	21G1
Chokecherry Island, Louise S. Hasbrouch,	51H
Cleek's Government Cases, Thomas W. Harnshaw,	52H
The Raccoon Lake Mystery, Nevil Monroe Hopkins,	53H
A Student In Arms, Donald Hankey,	54H
The Bobbsey Twins, Laura Lee Hope,	55H
The Bobbsey Twins at the Seashore, Laura Lee Hope	55H1
The Bobbsey Twins at School, Laura Lee Hope,	55H2
The Bobbsey Twins at Snow Lodge, Laura Lee Hope,	55H3
The Bobbsey Twins at a House Boat, Laura Lee Hope	55H4
The Bobbsey Twins at Meadow Brook, Laura Lee Hope,	55H5
Webster Man's Man, Peter B. Hyne,	11K
Extricating Obadiah, Joseph Lincoln,	10L13



The Story-Teller, Maud Lindsay,	26L
Green Fancy, George Barr McCutcheon,	31M10
Black is White, George Barr McCutcheon,	31M11
Anne's House of Dreams, L. M. Montgomery,	33M2
Anne of the Island, L. M. Montgomery,	33M3
Kleath, Madge Macbeth,	47M
The Princess Hallister, William Dana Orcutt,	110
Miss Billy, Eleanor H. Porter,	24P2
Miss Billy's Decision, Eleanor H. Porter,	24P3
The Cruise of the Deep Sea Scouts, Capt. Thomas D. Parker,	29P
Red Pepper's Patients, Grace S. Richmond,	18R2
Long Live the King, Mary Roberts Rinehart,	19R3
Calvary Alley, Alice Hegan Rice,	24R1
The Youth Plupy, Henry A. Shute,	29S8
At the Front in a Flivver, William Yorke Stevenson,	49S
The Girl Next Door, Augusta H. Seaman,	50S
Still Jim, Honoré Willsie,	46W
Lydia of the Pines, Honoré Willsie,	46W1
Mr. Britling Sees it Through, H. G. Wells,	47W
The Soul of A. Bishop, H. G. Wells,	47W1
The Wishing Ring Man, Margaret Widdemer,	44W1
America and the Great War for Humanity and Free- dom, Willis Fletcher Johnson,	H157
My Four Years in Germany, James W. Gerard,	H158
A World in Ferment, Dr. Nicholas Murry Butler,	M95
The International Mind, Dr. Nicholas Murry Butler,	M96
The Basis of Durable Peace, Cosmos,	M97
America and Her Problems, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant,	M98
The Restoration of Europe, Dr. Alfred H. Fried,	M99
A Substitute for War, Percy Mackaye,	M100
Sulzer's Short Speeches, George W. Blake,	M101
Neighbors Unknown, Charles G. D. Roberts,	N72
Moths of the Limberlost, Gene-Stratton Porter,	N73

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

## ORGANIZATION.

Annie W. Scammon, *Chairman*.

Albert C. Lane, *Secretary*.

Lilla B. Scammon.

## TEACHERS.

Division I—Mabel de Rochmont.

Division II—Mabel L. Smith.

Division III—Myra E. Huckins.

Division IV—Helen Bartlett, Dorothy Kelly.

## STATISTICS.

From the registers of last year the following statistics required by law have been compiled:

Whole number of different pupils over five years of age who have attended school at least two weeks .....	81
Boys .....	48
Girls .....	33
Number under five years of age .....	0
Number over sixteen years of age .....	1
Number between five and sixteen .....	80
Average attendance in all schools .....	62.16
Average absence in all schools .....	3.23
Average membership .....	65.39
Percentage of daily attendance .....	95.30
Number of pupils not absent or tardy .....	8
Number of cases of tardiness .....	262
Number of visits of school board .....	112
Number of visits of parents and others .....	318

Cost per pupil for text-books and supplies ....	\$3.02
Total expenditure per pupil .....	\$39.45

Enumeration of children by A. C. Lane, September, 1917:

Number of children between five and sixteen	88
Boys .....	57
Girls .....	31
Born in New Hampshire .....	72
Born elsewhere in the United States .....	16

### ROLL OF HONOR.

*Not absent or tardy for the year*—Lawrence Scammon, Nelson E. Barker, Carmen L. Barker, Blanche E. Jenness, Waldo S. Bond, Earle L. Wiggin, Elmer R. Wiggin, Fred L. Wiggin.

*Not absent or tardy for two terms*—Arthur C. Brewster, Leslie Scammon, Ruth Craft, Margaret Pearson, Frank Wentworth, Francis Hatch, Harris Hatch, Lillian V. M. Snell, Grace G. Snell.

*Not absent or tardy for one term*—Noble Craft, Jessie Chase, Sterling A. Dunton, Nelson P. Lane, James A. Murray, Arthur Howlin, Wesley Lane, Helen Witham, Alice G. O'Brien, Margaret E. O'Brien, James F. McAllister, Warren J. Jenness, Louise Billings, Ora Dining.

Owing to a change by law which brings the close of the fiscal year on August 31 instead of February 15, it will be necessary to raise an amount of money large enough to cover the expenses of four terms, and the estimate is given for one year, and also an estimate of the amount necessary for the fourth term.

Text-books and supplies .....	\$200.00
High school tuition .....	1,600.00
Teachers' salaries .....	2,160.00
Fuel .....	200.00
Janitors .....	75.00

Salaries of officers.....	\$175.00
Miscellaneous .....	150.00
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	\$4,560.00
Estimates for one term .....	1,200.00
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	\$5,760.00



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

(To January 31, 1918.)

The school in Division I has been fortunate in being able to retain Miss de Rochmont, the teacher of the previous year, and while this has grown to be the largest school in town, Miss de Rochmont has continued to govern with the same quietness and firmness shown in the beginning of her work, and every pupil is wisely known and conscientiously looked after, and she has a systematic, clear and well defined plan in each branch which she teaches, so that her pupils form the habit of working and thinking to some purpose.

In Division II Miss Mabel Smith is teaching her eleventh consecutive term; having a natural aptitude for her work and the happy power of imparting instruction, she brings all her pupils under the cheerful influence of their leader and at all times secures their appreciative attention.

In Division III Miss Myra Huckins is teaching her fifth year and the fact that throughout her unbroken term of service she has held the entire respect and confidence of both children and parents, is one of the best recommendations possible.

The school in Division IV was taught during the winter and spring by Miss Bartlett, who resigned at the end of the year to accept a more desirable position in Massachusetts, and we feel that we were very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Dorothy Kelly of Portsmouth, a graduate of Plymouth Normal school and with two years' experience in the schools of that town. Under her the pupils have come to recognize the necessity of prompt and unquestioning obedience and the progress made in this school is most creditable to teacher and pupils alike.

The school board considers that they were extremely fortunate the past year in being able to retain three of their teachers, for from the previous year's work they had come to know the deficiencies in each individual and have helped to overcome those failings to an extent which would be impossible for a stranger.

Teachers may differ widely in their personal characteristics as well as their methods of instruction and yet be equally successful and we are sure that in each of these districts we have the right teacher in the right place.

In March our schools felt keenly the loss of their music teacher, Mr. Akeley, whom the children had come to look upon as their friend as well as instructor, but by securing Mrs. Redman of Exeter the work along that line has gone on without interruption.

We would like to call the attention of the district to the effect of the medical inspection. The first inspection was in 1914, when out of ninety three children examined, the physician found thirty four cases calling for attention, a large majority of these being for defective teeth. At the examination in 1917 out of eighty seven children there were found only twelve cases to be reported, five being defective teeth; one, malnutrition; four, enlarged tonsils or adenoids, and two, poor vision, and in the three examinations only one parent has refused to have her child examined.

According to the revised laws of 1917 there must be inserted in the school warrant an article calling for an appropriation for medical inspection, and judging from the good accomplished, we can not better expend the amount necessary, which has never been over \$35.

In closing this report the board would extend their thanks to the people of the district and to the teachers, who have heartily coöperated in carrying out my plans suggested for the benefit of the schools.

As this is the last year that the present chairman expects to hold that office she takes this opportunity to extend to

the townspeople her thanks for the kindly consideration shown her during the five years of service, and for their ever ready willingness to give any assistance asked.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON.

LILLA B. SCAMMON.

ALBERT C. LANE.

Owing to the change in the fiscal school year which closes August 31, the school treasurer's report was omitted.

The report will appear in full in 1919.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1917.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Entire registra- tion.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Attend- ance.	Average ab- sence.	Average Member- ship.	Percentage of daily attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	No. of pupils not absent or tardy.	No. of visits of School Board.	No. of visits of parents and others
Division I	.....Mabel de Rechemont	21	13	8	16.13	.97	17.10	94.33	64	1	49	116
Division II	.....Mabel L. Smith	23	17	6	19	1	20	96	63	4	23	58
Division III	.....Myra E. Huckins	20	10	10	15.21	.61	15.82	96.14	6	3	18	63
Division IV	.....Helen M. Bartlett	17	8	9	11.82	.65	12.47	94.78	129	..	22	81
		81	48	33	62.16	3.23	65.39	381.25	262	8	112	318

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of  
Stratham, qualified to vote in district affairs: L L*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said district on the sixteenth day of March, 1918, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools.
8. To see if the district will authorize the school board to employ a music teacher for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the salaries of its officers.
10. To see if the district will vote to adopt medical inspection, raise and appropriate money for the same.
11. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to unite with one or more town districts or special districts to form a supervisory district for the purpose of employing a superintendent of the public schools therein, under the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Session Laws of N. H., 1899, and to raise money to carry such vote into effect.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.



Given under our hands at said Stratham this 20th day of February, 1918.

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,  
LILLA B. SCAMMON,  
ALBERT C. LANE,

*School Board.*

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

ANNIE W. SCAMMON,  
LILLA B. SCAMMON,  
ALBERT C. LANE,

*School Board.*

# VITAL STATISTICS.



Births Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Con- dition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Sex.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.			
Feb. 16	Earl Leslie .....	M	L	6	.....	Laura M. Snell..	Stratham .....	Nova Scotia
June 30	Lawrence Howard.....	M	L	7	.....	Cora Wentworth .....	New Brunswick, Can..	Stratham
July 5	Emma Cora .....	F	L	1	.....	Lillian J. Withers.....	Nova Scotia.....	Stratham
July 27	Penley Lewelyon.....	M	L	2	.....	Reina R. Dresser .....	Franklin Pict'n, Me..	Shedson, Me.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Color.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 6	Portsmouth	George Cannett..... Annie M. Pace.....	39 32	W "	Exeter..... Kittery, Me.....	Stephen Cannett..... Charles E. Lewis.....	Rev. Perry W. Caswell Portsmouth
Apr. 14	Portsmouth	George A. Dearborn..... Minnie M. True.....	26 41	" "	West Falmouth, Me.. Stratham.....	Charles W. Dearborn. .... Frank L. Rundlett.....	Rev. Lucius Thayer Portsmouth
Apr. 15	Stratham	Michael C. O'Neill..... Neva M. Bressler.....	28 19	" "	North Adams, Mass.. Chicago, Ill.....	Michael C. O'Neill..... George N. Bressler.....	Rev. P. S. Sailer Stratham
Apr. 25	So. Berwick, Me.	Harry G. Brierley..... Florence Gregg.....	35 40	" "	Dover..... So. Berwick, Me.....	Benjamin Brierley..... John W. Gregg.....	Rev. Louis S. Staples So. Berwick, Me.



## Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the ending December 31, 1917.

Date of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Male or Female	Single, Married or Widowed	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days					
April 17	Otis B. French.....	82	7	1	Stratham.....	M	M	David French.....	Susan Burley
May 1	Oscar E. Spurr.....	41	5	23	Nova Scotia.....	M	W	Michael Spurr.....	Matilda Buckley
May 1	Mary W. Jenness.....	81	.....	.....	Stratham.....	F	W	Phineas Chase.....	Ann Arnold
May 13	Henry Wilkinson.....	74	.....	13	Peabody, Mass.....	M	M	Aaron Wilkinson.....	Mercie Wilson
June 13	Annie B. Snell.....	53	4	29	Somerville, Mass.....	F	W	William Halliday.....	Elizabeth Smith
June 31	Sarah P. Hanley.....	82	10	3	Kittery, Me.....	F	W	Cushman Prior.....	Deborah R. Prefethin
Aug. 14	Martha C. Lester.....	82	7	13	Potsmouth.....	F	W	John J. Weeks.....	Naey R. Hilton
Sept. 16	Benjamin Brierley.....	69	4	.....	Rochdale, Eng.....	M	M	James Brierley.....	Jane Pearson
Nov. 21	George E. Gowen.....	71	5	19	West Newbury, Mass.....	M	W	Ezekiel Gowen.....	Hannah B. Colby
Dec. 29	Michael Spurr.....	80	2	4	Nova Scotia.....	M	M	James Spurr.....	Susan —







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